taxation under the Municipal Regulation. The amending clauses consist only of a couple of sentences.

The question of reading the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill in the Council was put to votes. It was carried.

President.—The Secretary will read the title of the Bill.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—'A Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation'.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I do not propose to ask for the appointment of a Select Committee. If the S. O. be suspended, I would like to move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

President.—The rule is suspended.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be taken into consideration at once.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I second it.

The question of taking into consideration the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill at once was put to votes and agreed to.

President.—Now, it devolves upon the President to read this clause by clause. Under S. O. 41, in the exercise of my discretion, I don't want to put it clause by clause.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed at Friday's meeting.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I second it.

The question of passing the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill at the meeting of the Council on the next Friday was put to votes and was carried.

The House rose for lunch exactly at 2 p.m. It met again at 3 p. m.

Demand for Supplementary Grant—Education.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "Education" and for the transfer of the amount from the budget of the D. P. W., and in doing so, I shall briefly explain how the necessity for this transfer has arisen. We have a Sirkar Malayalam School at Anapuja which is a Vala centre in the Cranganur principality. The school was started 15 years ago for the special benefit of the Valas. And in their eagerness to be provided with a school they improvised a temporary shed, and the school was accommodated in that building for some years, but in course of time the school grew in size, and the temporary shed went on decaying so that we found

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we could no longer hold the school in that particular building. And as we usually do, we approached the local people, and asked them, if they would provide a permanent building; because we found that the time had come to provide the school with a permanent building; for the experimental stage was over, and the school had become well-established. And the Valas were so eager to have a well established school in their midst that they promised to do all they could to put up a permanent building, and at the same time they requested that the Government would give them a grant for the purpose. Well, they were informed that, if funds would permit, provision would be made in the next year's budget for a building grant of Rs. 1,000. That was more than three years ago. But, owing to financial stringency, the Government could not see their way to provide for this particular grant in the budget of the succeeding years. But the Vala people who put up the building have been pressing the Government, and the Government now realise that it is their duty to fulfil their obligations. It is true that no definite promise was made, but expectations were raised, and, therefore, the Government now feel convinced that somehow that obligation should be discharged. And so the Government propose now to find the necessary funds by transferring that amount of Rs. 1,000 from the D. P. W. budget of this year. There is an allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "D. P. W." for putting up a compound wall for the Cranganur High School, and the Government think that this work might wait for another year, since the Valas have been kept waiting for so long. We feel it would be unfair to ask them to wait for another year, and so what we propose doing now is to transfer that amount from the D. P. W. budget to the Education budget, thereby enabling us to discharge our obligations to this poor community, who have shown such enthusiasm and zeal in the cause of Education. I have myself inspected that building several times; it is a *pucca* spacious, and tiled building, and I am sure they must have spent not less than Rs. 5,000 on it. And what we are going to give now is only a small fraction of what they have spent, which would be of great help to them, and I hope that the House would be glad to accept the proposal now placed before it.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Rs. 1,000 suffice for the putting up of the building?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The building has already been put up at a cost of Rs 5,000. They are pressing for the payment of the grant of Rs. 1,000 which we had promised.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Who paid that amount for the building?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—They themselves subscribed or raised the amount by loan or *kuri*.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to move that one rupee be reduced from this Rs. 1,000. The Government is aware of the fact that public meetings were held at many places in the State to bring to the attention of the Government that a Government official in the Department of Education who had gone to America has returned after taking high degrees from the University of Toronto. The Government is also well aware of the fact that when Government servants had gone to foreign countries, and returned with high University degrees, the Government used to give them suitable appointments. Instances are not necessary for me to site here, because they are well known to the Members of this House as well as to the Government.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—What is the name of the gentleman?

President.—The gentleman concerned is Mr. T. P. Verghese.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What is his qualification?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—He has taken very high degrees and qualified himself to hold most important posts in the Educational Department.

President.—He is a graduate of the Madras University, and had taken very high degrees from the Toronto University. What is his grade in the Education Department?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Permanent U 1, and the pay is 80 to 100. He is an M. A. and is a Bachelor in Pedagogy. But how does this matter arise now?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I understand he is now preparing for the "Doctorate" a thesis on "The Progress of Education in Cochin State for the last 25 years".

The question has been raised by the Member for Education whether I an in order in mentioning the matter now here. I say I am within my rights. I may refer to a book called *India's Parliament* (Vol. V.) containing reports of the Legislative Assembly proceedings. There, in the Assembly, a question was raised whether Members have not got the right to discuss the principles contained in non-votable items, while discussing the votables. I have not gone so far in discussing the question just raised by me. But coming to the point, I ask why the matter could not be disposed of soon. While Mr. Verghese was in America, he had submitted a petition to the Government requesting the Government to give him a suitable appointment on his return. It is now about 3 months since he returned from America, and if my information is correct, the Government has not yet passed any orders. What an inordinate delay to settle this matter?

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President.—The file has not yet been disposed of, for the Government should find a suitable appointment. Before finding a suitable appointment, how can we give him an appointment? We do not know what situation will be suitable for him, and we have noted his name also.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Diwan himself knows he was asked to extend his leave, and when the Diwan had gone to Madras, he had to run up from here to Madras, if my information is correct, to see the Diwan and get his leave extended. How many times, he should extend his leave!

President.—I do not think he came over to Madras for the special purpose of meeting me. I think it was for his own private purpose he came to Madras, and when he knew that I was there, he came to me.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Anyhow, he came to see you at Madras to get his leave extended. My request is that a suitable appointment should soon be given to him, for he has been now waiting for more than 3 months. It is the indefinite delay to dispose of this matter, that I bring to the pointed attention of the Government in moving this motion.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Is there any complaint that his claims were overlooked?

President.—I do not know whether any personal questions can be debated here. Then, so many personal questions will have to be taken into consideration, and each case will have to be decided on its own merits. How can the House look into and decide all these personal questions?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I only asked this information, for you allowed the token motion to be made.

President.—Mr. Mathew drew our attention to the Assembly Debates which show that matters of this sort could be discussed. I do not know how we stand in regard to these personal questions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I did not mention names, but I wanted the Government to dispose of a file.

President.—The file is intimately connected with the person. There is nothing here to dispose of the decision of a personal question, and you see I do not know how far the House is interested in discussing personal matters.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—The next step will be "My son has applied for an appointment, and the Government has not given him one as yet." And they will discuss that.

President.—I have been considering how to consider these personal questions. If we bring these things as subjects of

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debates in the Council, I do not know whether we will be discharging our duty to the public of the State ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is the principle involved in providing suitable appointments for persons who take trouble to better qualify themselves? I know persons have been sent from the Agricultural, Medical, and Engineering Departments to qualify themselves for different places, and they have been provided with posts. It is immaterial to me whether this particular person is provided with a suitable appointment or not, for the gentleman is not even known to me.

Mr. C. Matthai.—There is no undertaking that the Government would provide men who qualify themselves. The Government may encourage them.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I meant.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When we discuss general questions, we will have to draw attention to individual cases also. My point is only this; when general questions are discussed, it will be absolutely necessary in many cases to draw attention to individual cases also.

President.—I think, Mr. Raman, this is by way of criticism to my observation.

Mr. M. K. Raman—I never meant that.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The transfer of Rs. 1,000 from the D. P. W. to the Education Department would affect the former department.

President.—No. It was intended for the putting up of a compound wall to the Cranganur High School. It may be put off for the next year. During the budget session the Member for Cranganur raised this question of giving Rs. 1,000 to the Vala School, instead of utilising it for the compound wall of the Cranganur High School, which, he said, could be put off for another year. We took the matter into serious consideration, and we want to discharge the obligation to that Vala School. That is how the matter stands.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I wish to support this motion, and I do not wish to bring in personal matters. I want to draw the attention of the Government the unsatisfactory way in which the examinerships are distributed by the Board of Examiners. I brought to the notice of the House that examinerships should be, as far as possible, taken from the gentlemen in the teaching profession. We have got ample men of every qualification in the teaching profession who would fill the post of examiners. I object very strongly towards taking examiners from outside. I pointed out the fact that the Legislative Assistant was for some time examiner for the School Final Exami-

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nation. I state that such posts should not be given to outsiders. Then, you were pleased to promise me to consider the matter. Now, I understand, how far I am correct. I cannot say that the same candidate has been recommended this year for the Chief Examinership for the School Final Examination. Sufficient Bills are not framed by the Government Advocate just as the amendment to the Civil Procedure Code and other things which are kept pending. If my information is correct, he is given other works in the shape of Chief Examinerships for the School Final. I should like to make an emphatic protest against that particular officer being given the post of the Chief Examiner for the School Final, in view of the fact that there are any number of highly qualified men in the Education Department, both in the Colleges and High Schools of our State.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Examinerships are strictly confidential. I think it would be thoroughly wrong to give out the names of examiners for the coming year. So that I must refuse to give any information about examiners to be appointed for the next year. As regards the post, I think the Government was perfectly justified in appointing a person of the status and educational qualifications—in the particular subject, English Literature—of the gentleman referred to. The department was fortunate in securing his services as an Assistant Examiner, and he discharged that work to our entire satisfaction. We have been doing this from the very beginning. That is what the Madras Government has been doing itself; a small proportion of examiners are selected from outside. We have not deviated from any principle whatsoever.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My point is that, when we have men in our department, why should we take men from outside?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We had only the two Colleges at the time, and men of superior qualifications were taken from the College department. There were not many men of superior qualifications in the High School department to be taken as examiners. Further, we have made it a principle that men in the department teaching a particular subject are not selected as examiners in that subject.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Who set the Elementary Mathematics paper last year for the School Final Examination? Was he not a teacher?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Though he was a teacher, he was not teaching that subject in the particular year.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Has this candidate any experience to be made the Chief Examiner?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—He was an Assistant Examiner, and he had discharged his duties to our entire satisfaction.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I support the motion for the grant of Rs. 1,000. I want to bring to the notice of the Government this one point. Of course, I do not want to descend into personalities. This candidate is perfectly competent. I have personal knowledge of it. He would make as good an examiner as anybody. There is a principle involved in these appointments, that examinerships should be given, as far as possible, to teachers. In civil courts commissions are always given to Vakils. This is done only on principle.

President.—So far as this matter is concerned, very careful attention was bestowed upon the selection of examiners, and the Government went into the question once more, and the choice was made, as recommended by the Director of Public Instruction

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Well, Sir, I beg to say that I differ from him with regard to the assertions made by the Member for Education in support of this wrong principle. I challenge the Director of Public Instruction to point out in the list of examiners in the Madras Presidency, if there is any outsider who has been taken as an examiner in the Arts examination. We shall place the list on the table, and you will not find any man from outside.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—When I was the Secretary to the Diwan, I was an examiner of the Madras University for 5 years.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—It was so in olden days. But now it is not so. I speak of the Arts examination, and I know that none of the examiners are outsiders.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The present Agent to the Governor-General was telling me that he was an examiner of the Madras University for the B. A.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—We need not follow the Madras University.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I never said we are following the Madras University.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I do not press the motion.

The motion for the additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 was put to the votes and carried.

The Establishment of a State Bank.

Sy. T. Madhavi Amma.—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution tabled in my name.—

"*That, in view of the supreme necessity and importance of further improving the economic condition of the State, and to finance the agricultural, industrial and trading concerns, this*

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